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When you "run the gamut of the graces, strike the full octave of Christian virtues and bring all the notes in,"

The Song of the Heart. you will find that Paul anticipated you "in eight clear, staccato notes, as he runs the spiritual gamut" in I Thes., 5:16-22:

"Rejoice evermore!

Pray without ceasing!

In everything give thanks!

Quench not the Spirit!

Despise not prophesyings!

Prove all things!

Hold fast that which is good!

Abstain from all appearance of evil!"

Happy the man whose life is pitched on a key that will enable him to reach all the notes in this octave.

The report comes from Hoffman, New York, that a cat climbed a trolley pole of the Buffalo & Lockport

Just A Cat. Railway, and proceeded to take a walk on the electric feed wire. It was getting along first rate until of a sudden, losing its balance, in the effort to catch, its tale came in contact with the return wire that carries the current to Niagra Falls. Instantly 24,000 volts of electricity went chasing each other through the cat's anatomy as it fell on the wires a lifeless thing, cutting off the current of power from all lines of industry supplied with power from the Falls, for about two hours.

Just a cat, a very small matter, Yes; but it unharnessed old Niagara for two hours, and threw hundreds of men out of employment. It is even so with us. It is the little things that annoy, that hurt and destroy. The little toxes destroy the grapes. It is the little sins that turn the current of so many lives from channels of usefulness into those of selfishness, misery and sin.

A great many of our people seem to be in doubt about the time of meeting and duration of the sessions of the legislature, some holding that each legislature is competent to fix the day of the month and week on which the next session will meet, and so on. The legislature has nothing to do with fixing the time of meeting. The law fixing the time of meeting is not statutory but constitutional. Section 36 of Art. IV of the revised Constitution contains the law governing the time of meeting of this body, and also how the length of the special session shall be determined. We give the section in full:

"Section 36. The legislature shall meet at the seat of government in regular session, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the year A. D. 1892,

and every four years thereafter; and in special session on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the year 1894, and every four years thereafter, unless sooner convened by the Governor. The special sessions shall not continue longer than thirty days unless the Governor, deeming the public interest to require it, shall extend the sitting, by proclamation in writing, to be sent to and entered upon the journals of each house, for a specific number of days, and then it may continue in session to the expiration of that time. At such special sessions the members shall receive not more compensation or salary than ten cents mileage, and a per diem of not exceeding five dollars; and none but appropriation and revenue bills shall be considered, except such other matters as may be acted upon at an extraordinary session called by the Governor."

From the above it is seen that the constitution not only fixes the time of meeting of the legislature, but also fixes the salary and mileage of legislators.

The legislature does not possess the power to increase the pay of its members, or to decrease the same.

Dr. Heywood Smith, M. H., a Wesleyan delegate to the Marylebone Council of the Evangelical Free Churches of England, introduced the following resolution, that was adopted unanimously:

"There is no warrant in Holy Scripture for the baptism of infants; there is no instance in the New Testament where it can be distinctly affirmed to have taken place. The jailor's family believed, all his house, and there is no mention of children in any household where baptism is spoken of. I fully believe that if we were to meet in dependence on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we should find that the Free Churches would be willing to endorse the practice of believers' baptism. (1) I would have godly parents bring their young children into the church, and there, in the presence of the congregation, there should be held a short dedicatory service, admitting them provisionally into the visible church, and enrolling their names as such; the parents at the same time being exhorted to bring them to acknowledge their Savior, both by instruction and example of life, as soon as they are old enough to understand the plan of salvation. (2) When a child or young person gives evidence of being born again of the Holy Spirit they should be told of the Lord's command to come and be baptized, in order, by so doing, to obey that command, and publicly to confess Christ before the church. (3) Such baptism to be by immersion in token of our being buried

with Him by baptism into death, and, coming out of the water, of our resurrection in Him to newness of life."

This resolution grew out of a conference looking to the closer union of the people of God upon the earth, the crux of the question being often asserted to be baptism.

We can readily agree to everything in the resolution except (1).

We turn Dr. Smith and his resolutions over to the learned editor of the New Orleans Christian Advocate.

No man knows the day of Christ's birth; but the 25th day of December serves as well, in the absence of the

Love's Gifts. record of the real day, as another. If there had been any need of knowing the day of our Lord's birth, the date would have been preserved. The day and occasion somehow have come to mean to all the world, a time of joyous merriment and gift making. It is well to have such a time, else some of us would become so self-centered as to want the world numbered among our small possessions. Most of our gifts are small and of no money value at all; but they do confer a great deal of pleasure. We remember, with tears in our eyes, the old home of our childhood days, with its big log fire, Santa Claus, mother's stocking, and nuts, fruits, toys and fire-crackers that found their way therein. It never shook our faith in God when we found out that mother was the real Santa Claus, not a bit. Some folks spend the Christmas time in drinking, reveling and sins. People who do not have eggnog at any other time, think it an unpardonable offense not to have it then. This ought not to be known in all the length and breadth of the land this year, or any other year. Many a boy has started from the Christmas eggnog on the road to ruin, and girl too.

This habit of making people happy by presenting them with some little token of affectionate regard, started in heaven. There came a time when God wanted to make a gift to every man, woman and child, who might ever live upon the face of the earth. He did not do as we do—give that which would cost him the least; by no means. But he gave the most precious of all his possessions—his Son, to be a Savior of the world, all the world, wherever a man might be induced to concede that he was a sinner, Christ was given to him specially, just as if there had been no other creature in all the universe of God. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

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Hitherto the Lord Hath Helped Us.

Look in whatever direction you may, and the result is the same—this has been the best year, Mississippi Baptists have ever enjoyed at the hands of the Lord, in so far as results can show His blessings. The college is on the hearts, consciences and purses of the people; so is the Orphanage; so is pastoral support; so is missions; and, so is everything that is good and well pleasing unto God.

All the returns from the associations are not in hand yet; but enough are in to show that our Baptist churches have received more members on a profession of faith than all the other churches in the commonwealth combined. Baptist churches have received by baptism this year in the close neighborhood of 7,000 "adults," while our Methodist brethren have received only 4,241 infants and all—half of whom were infants, we estimate, as there were 1,176 infants received by the churches of the South Mississippi Conference. Comparing their "adults"—persons who are old enough to be received on their profession of faith in Christ—with our "adults," we are about 5,000 ahead, which is so far ahead as not to be overtaken when all others are included in the column on the other side.

Surely the Baptist preacher has been abroad in the land to some great and noble purpose; for see how he returns from the fields laden with sheaves for the granaries of heaven! Surely God has set the seal of divine approval upon the work of His servants this year, which humbles us in gratitude before Him, as we beg the continuation of his favor in the years to come.

We have not only been baptizing people in the good old way of John, our Lord, the apostles and the fathers, but we have been bringing in the "tithes" too—which is possibly the secret of our bringing in the sheaves, in such great numbers. With all our stinginess, covetousness, lack of spirituality and general worldliness, which God knows are only too great for our best

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good, with all this against us, Mississippi Baptists have given this year to all purposes \$314,310.00. Does not this record honor us in the sight of our fellows and our God? We verily believe it does. And the best thing about it all is we—you and I—have had some share in the work that produced the above results.

Glad we are Baptists? Why, certainly! If there are a people on this earth whom God is honoring more than He is our own Baptist folks, we would like to know it so as to extend to them the hand of Christian greeting and good cheer. Let us start out trusting our God for greater blessings still in the year 1902.

Sad but True.

In his address on "Preachers in Literature and in Life," our brother Dawson, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., tells a story that makes one's heart bleed and overflow his eyes in hottest tears.

Within his memory, and he is not yet old, there lived in the eastern part of Alabama a man who was a Baptist preacher, and such an one as was known of all the country around. He had organized, or helped in the organization, of all the Baptist churches for miles and miles around. He had married the living and buried the dead both far and near. He was loved by everybody, both old and young, saint and sinner. He had been called upon to do so much of public service of this kind that he had neglected his little farm, and came, one year, to want, although he preached to people who had the world's goods in greatest abundance, and who would have laid down their lives for him any day, so dearly did they love him. One Saturday he hitched his horse to the plow, instead of to the usual tree where he was accustomed to stand, bridled and saddled, to take his faithful master to his Saturday's appointment with the flock of God. But his faithful wife persuaded him, to go to church and leave the plow in its furrow—that it was his duty to do so, even though his family were then without bread or meat. He went. After service he went home with Deacon Brown, a well-to-do man, and the most faithful of all his flock. When they repaired to the dining room, he saw a table fairly groaning under its burden of toothsome meats, fruits and vegetables. He also saw the vision of another table, in another home, no less honorable than this, where there was scarcely enough bread for the most scanty meal. In saying the blessing the dear old servant of God was so overcome by his emotions that he left the table and went to the barn and sought a quiet place to weep. He was soon followed by Deacon Brown, who must know the cause of his grief. The old man told it as it was; and then got on his horse and rode straight home. Deacon Brown was dumbfounded; but he soon came to himself, and saw how mean he was in allowing "the man of God," to whom he was indebted for his very salvation, so to speak, to suffer for the necessities of life. He was not long in resolving

what to do. He got his wagon, and some of the neighbors got their wagons, and they loaded them up and down, and then drove to the home of their pastor, where they unloaded their wagons, their pocket-books and their hearts.

It came late; but better late than never. We have known cases just about like this in our day, only the wagons never came. We have some old preachers in Mississippi today, whose voices are hoarse and husky now from years of service, who are in great need; but to whose door the wagons have not yet come with the long needed help. Only one more Sunday remains in this glad first year of the new century. Let's do something on that day for these old servants of God. Let's help take the wagons to their door.

Queries.

DEAR EDITOR:

Will you be kind enough to answer the following queries in THE BAPTIST:

1st. Should a person who does not believe in a personal hell as taught in the Bible be allowed to teach a Sunday School class in a Baptist Sunday School, or be allowed a membership in a Baptist church?

2nd. Can a person who believes in the "Christian scientist" theory be an orthodox Baptist, or ought they be allowed a membership in a Baptist church?

You will confer a favor by answering these two questions.

A SEEKER AFTER LIGHT.

We are sure that a person who does not believe in the Bible doctrine of hell has no right to membership in a Baptist church, and certainly it would be very unwise to place such a person in charge of a Sunday School class.

We are equally certain that a "Christian scientist" cannot be an orthodox Baptist; and, if not a sound Baptist, would be an unsafe teacher of a Sunday School class.

Both of these positions being without Scripture warrant, cannot consistently be fellowshiped by Baptists.

The Mardi Gras.

"Memphis should have done with Mardi Gras forever. Its history in this city during the last few years is one of sin, shame and sorrow. It disgraced Memphis and her citizens. It was a revel of unlicensed debauchery and idiocy. It was a time for an indulgence in all the passions that appeal to the brute in men. Those who came to see went away damning the city, filled with remorse over their excesses or disgusted with the exhibitions of depravity that were advertised to them as innocent pleasures.

It may be urged that Mardi Gras brings an influx of visitors who do business with our merchants. We do not believe the occasion resulted in any benefit to legitimate trade. But if it brought millions to Memphis the price we pay would be too great. All the gold that has been found from the day that fanged-toothed men picked it from the sands of the river until fur clad men gathered it from the glaciers of Alaska

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is not commensurate with the self respect of any city. There can be no barter with sin that leaves the dealer stainless.

Those who advocate the celebration, point to the success of Mardi Gras in New Orleans. This proves nothing. The celebration in New Orleans may be as innocent as a village May day festival in a German village. It may be stated that the Mardi Gras is a Gallic institution, to the Latin races a harmless thing, but it is not an Anglo-Saxon institution and all attempt to make one will be a failure. The celebration in Memphis from an artistic point of view has been a counterfeit, from a moral point of view a curse and from no point of view of any material benefit.

The Commercial Appeal is not puritanical. It is a believer in personal liberty; it is for any decent thing that will help Memphis, and the people of the Memphis territory but it draws the line at decency."

Good for the Commercial Appeal. We commend this to all our little towns up and down the country that are trying to ape New Orleans in such matter.

Interviews the Governor.

The following from The Leader we think is well worth reading:

At the last meeting of the Fair River Association B. T. Hobbs and myself were appointed by that body of Christians to visit the Governor and request him to recommend in his message to the legislature, which is soon to convene, the importance of giving us a State prohibitory law against the sale of intoxicating liquors. Hobbs being sick at the time appointed for us to go, I had to go all the way in a gang by myself, but our good Governor heard my request with great patience and fortitude. He informed me that the good people of East Mississippi were rolling in their petitions on him by the gross, and expressed a desire that the people all over the State do likewise. Now, let every man and woman in the State, regardless of race or color, who is friendly to the cause of God and humanity, regardless of political or religious creed, pile in their petitions by the cart load and cause the Governor to feel that he is the chief executive of a great Christian constituency, and that he would not be true to his trust should he fail to grant the request of the best people in the State. The Governor intimated that he might not mention the matter in his message proper, to the legislature, but might make it the subject of a special message at some time during the sitting of that honorable body. Now, in case he fails to mention the matter in his message, let the petitions and letters continue to roll in upon him until they lie house-high upon his table. True, the Governor is a busy man, and has a thousand one things to engage his time and attention, but he is never too busy to lend a listening ear to the appeals of the people relative to their wants and wishes.

Let every preacher in the State, during the sitting of the legislature, present a petition before his audience and have them sign it and send them in as iron sparkling

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red hot from the furnace, and if any brother fail to sign it, let him make the same request of his preacher that Simon Magus of old made to his preacher in Acts 8:21-24—"pray ye to the Lord for me that none of these things ye have spoken come upon me." This little talk Peter had with Simon set him to thinking. Simon was a moneyed man and a prominent member, but when the preacher, who was true to his trust, laid the matter straight to the shoulder, he began to feel the need of prayer, and he didn't mind saying so.

Every church member whose breath is befouled with the fire of hell, and whose influence is on the side of that soul-damning curse, red liquor, would do well to ponder Peter's language to Simon: "I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness," etc.

Let every editor friendly to the cause of humanity, (and thank God their name is Legion) mention the matter in his paper, expressing the wishes of his readers and let these editorials be clipped and sent to the Governor until they lie knee-deep on the floor of his office. I am glad that President Roosevelt, in his able message to Congress, struck at the old serpent, even if he did hit him on the tail, and go to the Philippine Islands to do it, when he said: "In dealing with the aboriginal races, few things are more important than to preserve them from the terrible physical and moral degradation resulting from the liquor traffic." The moral and physical degradation resulting from the liquor traffic in the Philippine Islands is "terrible" indeed in the eyes of our President. He has a wonderful capacity for seeing things afar off. "The terrible physical and moral degradation resulting from the liquor traffic" were things unknown in that far away country previous to the booming of Dewey's cannon in Manila Bay. Does the unfurling of the stars and stripes over the country signify "physical and moral degradation resulting from the liquor traffic?" If so, it will be a blessing to the world when she is folded up and laid away forever. God help the good people of Mississippi to bury this curse face foremost and turn the key of its tomb over to the Sadducees, who believe not in a resurrection.

J. A. SCARBOROUGH.

Notes and Comments.

Mississippi Methodists have raised \$4,936.78 on their twentieth century fund. At this rate, by the end of the century, they will have a neat little sum.

Postmaster General Smith has resigned his position in the Cabinet, to take effect the first of the new year, and returns to his newspaper work in Philadelphia. Mr. Payne of Wisconsin, has been appointed as his successor.

It is estimated that \$75,000,000 have been given to the endowment of colleges this year in the United States, which when looked at by itself is great. But when compared with the \$1,200,000,000 that have been given for drink, it is very small indeed.

When the train rolled into Jackson bringing the preachers from the Methodist Conference, some laughing and some not, a gentleman standing by, said, that it must be a mighty good thing to have some one to look up a job for you, and when you have finished one, to have another waiting for you, on to which you were hurried even before you were ready to go—and sometimes when you did not want to go.

Louisiana Methodists baptized (?) 1284 infants last year, and 862 "adults," that is, person who were not infants. The Methodists of the South Mississippi Conference, baptized (?) 1176 infants and 1229 "adults." Counting infants and "adults," for the whole state of Mississippi, Methodists baptized (?) 4,241.

In this connection it may be interesting to note that during this year Baptists (Mississippi) baptized 7,000 "adults."

Mr. Rockefeller has given the University of Chicago as a Christmas present, another little sum of \$1,250,000, making the sum total of his gifts to this one institution to be \$10,251,000. You know it is written that to those who have shall much be given, and it is indeed true in more senses than one. If the great hearted man could be persuaded to look with favor upon Mississippi College for her great work's sake, what a blessing it could be to the world.

Wednesday, the 18th, was the fifty-fourth birthday of Dr. Foster of the Orphanage. As his custom has been, so it was again this year: he gave a dinner to which pastors Yarborough, Price and their wives were invited. It was a delightful occasion. It was the first time that any part of the new building had been used. The large, beautiful dining room had been temporarily fitted up for the occasion. About 2:30 o'clock the children, with clean and smiling faces, appeared at the door of the "Muller Cottage" and informed us that dinner was ready, and falling in line two and two, made their way to "Jennings Hall," where a most elegant dinner was waiting. After the guests had been seated the children marched to their seats keeping step to the organ at which Miss Parnell was presiding.

Dr. Foster read a part of the 103d Psalm and Pastor Yarborough led in prayer—what followed then can better be imagined than written. The children sang several songs, after which Mr. Everett, in a few appropriate words, rehearsed the history of the institution and then called on all the guests in turn for a speech, to which Dr. Foster made a very tender and affectionate close.

What a cheerful, happy looking lot of children the orphans are. There are no happier children in Mississippi than they, many of whom will never remember seeing any other parents than Brother and Sister Foster. If all our Baptist people could see the children in their home, how it would thrill their souls to know what is being done for the world by this, one of the grandest of all our noble institutions.

Now Miss Ludlow denies that she is to be married to Capt. Hobson. Surely, the world is funny.

It was David, the penitent, who said: "Purge me and I shall be clean, wash me, and shall be whiter than snow."

There are two or three hundred Baptist preachers in Mississippi who are paying "good times" prices one a hard times' salary.

Infant marriage is found in the same chapter and verse where infant baptism is found; and it is just as Scriptural to practice the one as it is to practice the other.

Experts in the toy business say that the American people pay from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000, during Christmas times for toys. Of course this is putting money into circulation; but may we not be just over doing the toy business just a little?

It has been suggested that, although Satan was permitted to destroy Job's sheep, Job was allowed to keep the wool. So God does not permit the devil to destroy all we have—though the sheep are killed, we are thankful that the wool is left.

The Journal and Messenger rises up to say that for more than a decade it has felt lonely in its defense of the doctrine of future punishment. If you had just crossed over the river (the Ohio), you would have found plenty of company. We all believe it and preach it down here.

Dr. Crandall, Dr. Henson's nearest ministerial neighbor, playfully warns the New Yorkers that, the genial doctor is suspected of leaning towards "higher criticism," and, "in fact he has not only leaned towards it, but, at times, has fallen upon it so hard that the jar could be heard all through the Mississippi Valley."

Dr. Moody made a great speech before the Arkansas Convention of the organized work. J. N. Hall was there by invitation to help on the "opposition; but when he found that J. B. Gambrell, of Texas, was prepared to meet him, he declined. However, in his paper, he took issue with Dr. Moody; whereupon Dr. Moody challenged him for a discussion, and now the fight is on in full blast.

There are one thousand Baptist churches in our State that could not hardly do a better thing than to make spontaneous announcement to their hard-worked pastor, at the first of the New Year, that their salaries are raised 10 percent. We have heard of some that have. No more acceptable New Year's gift could be made—see "A suggestion for the New Year" in another column.

A little boy who had grown tired of blowing soap bubbles, came to his mother and said: "Read me that story about heaven; it is so glorious." The mother replied: "I will; but did you take the soap out of the water?" "Oh yeth; I'm pretty sure I did," was the reply. When she had

read of the golden streets, the pearly gates, the jasper walls, and closing with the words: "No one can enter there who loveth or maketh a lie," the little fellow jumped up and said as he ran off: "Igueth I'll go and thee about that thoap." Let's all go and do likewise.

A horse dealer—we will say, in New York—was about to sell a fine horse to one of his good customers. "What about the qualities?" asked the would-be buyer. "All right, he won't kick, jump, scare, balk, run, pitch, nor"—just then the horse reached around and bit off one of his ears: and while he was gone to see the doctor the buyer left. All of which reminds us of the way some churches do their pastors—only after they have bitten not only his ears but his head off also, they pass high resolutions in his favor, and sometimes have them printed in the papers.

The man with the jug is still seen in our midst; although his tribe has greatly diminished in the last twenty years. Sometimes he is a father, and sometimes the only son of a poor dependent widow, whose heart is all but broken with grief.

The day is coming—and may God speed it on the way—when he will be left desolate, and alone, the only man, with his jug—his manhood gone, his self-respect, his money and all that time ever gave. While he lingers, let's pity him and help him, by getting his jug away from him, remembering that such were all of us but for the grace of God.

A saloon keeper in South Dakota sold whisky to a drunkard after he had been warned by the drunkard's wife not to do so. In a drunken spree the man killed himself. His widow sued the saloon-keeper and got judgment for \$1,800. That's right, make the smiling rascals pay for their work of death. But we ought to put the blame where it belongs—on the State that licenses a man to engage in a business that destroys more lives in times of peace than are killed in times of war.

Is it not high time that the traffic in the accursed stuff was stopped by due process of law? Surely it is.

A Peculiar People.

BY W. T. STOVALL.

God's people are a peculiar people. They are peculiar in that they accept the Bible as God's Word, and the truths as stated without the construction of men. Therefore, we need no disciplines to pin our faith to, or read from, when we administer the ordinances of His church; or confessions of faith to bind us to the teachings of men, or prayer books devised by men to direct our worship.

No; we want none of these, but are governed by the last Will and Testament of our Lord and Master, in which the milestones of His church are so indelibly painted that they are legible to all honest seekers after His truth, and their failure to learn, and comply with their duties is their

fault, and not that of the inspired Word of God. The church is the representative, and expression of Gospel truth.

Therefore, Paul says, "Which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth,"—1st Tim. 3:15. The church is not the author, but the strength and support of the truth. Jesus says in His early teaching, "Ye are the salt of the earth, ye are the light of the world,"—Math. 5:13-14. Then it is to His church that God looks for the progress of His truth.

The lives of each individual member ought to be such as to exert a saving influence upon the outside world, and send forth a beacon light inviting a lost world to a bleeding Savior, who gave His life as a perfect ransom for sin. Our ministers are servants of the church, and one leading branch of their service is to teach the cardinal doctrines of the Gospel. This word doctrine may have reference to an opinion, true or false, but when applied to the Gospel it can mean nothing more nor less than God's truth, and therefore, on account of its author, should be correctly taught, believed and practiced.

I hear some say they don't like doctrinal sermons. Well, they don't like Gospel sermons. Gospel sermons are doctrinal sermons, and I am afraid they are not alive to God, to holiness, and to the sacredness of His truth.

Our ministers should not fail to declare the whole counsel of God, whether it is acceptable to the world or not, it is none the less God's truth and constitutes the Gospel, "for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Of course it is opposed by the world, they are deaf and blind to its truths, yet Christ says to Peter, "Feed my sheep," and this is the food with which the Christian must be nourished. If he is to be developed from childhood to manhood. Therefore, our ministers ought to "contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints."

The word faith, in the last sentence, embraces all the truths pertaining to the Gospel, including, first, God's choosing or electing grace, whereby He predestinates His people to salvation. John 10:27-29: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." Eph. 1:4, 5, 6: "According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love; having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved." Add to the above Paul's logical discussion in the book of Romans on this subject; also Galatians and Ephesians, guided as he was by the influences of the Holy Spirit, and you have God's Electing Grace, established without further quotation,

Second, God's creative act, in giving life to the dead by regeneration. St. John 1:13: "Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

Third, His gracious acts in giving repentance and faith. Acts 5:31: "Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince, and a Savior, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins," and fourth, His judicial acts in justifying and pardoning the sinner. Titus 3:7: "That being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

This settles in my mind the fact that "Salvation is of the Lord." This shows the Godward side in the plan of redemption, wrought out by the life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

It is man's to obey (after accepting Jesus as his Savior), first, in baptism, following the example of his Savior as plainly taught in the New Testament, and living up to his duties as a church member, "Thereby working out (manifesting, making known), his (our) own salvation with fear and trembling." "For it is God which worketh in us to will, and to do, of His own good pleasure." Phil. 2:12, 13. See also 2nd Peter, 1:5, 6, 7 and 8.

A Circular Letter, a Card, and a Request.

BY W. H. PATTON.

THE LETTER.

Christianity is God in Christ in us. Admission to God's loving favor means commission to divide it with others. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him."

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As soon as you read this circular letter, will you not fill out the blank below and hand or mail it to.....

Affectionately, your fellow laborer in Christ, W. H. PATTON, Moderator.

The Lord loveth a cheerful giver. It is more blessed to give than to receive.

....., Miss., 190.....

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Yours in the work,

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lar letter to think they are to try to raise the amounts to give or to pay the amounts to each object.

The following is the request referred to: A REQUEST.

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If other Associations will try the plan, there is no patent on it. I enclosed a tract on Home and Foreign Missions, with an ad. of "The Home Field" and the Sunday School Board, THE BAPTIST and The Orphanage. The Orphanage Gem is not advertised, but send to Rev. L. L. Foster, Jackson, Miss., twenty-five cents for it. Shubuta, Miss., Dec. 7, 1901.

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DEAR BRO. BAILEY:

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We had a church conference last night and made a unanimous call for Rev. C. T. Kincannon for service during next year. Lexington has called him for 2 Sundays, and we expect Black-Jack to call him for one Sunday.

Take these three churches together, will make a fine field.

Bro. Bailey, our Pickens folks all love you and would be glad you would visit us.

Your brother,

T. D. TUCKER.

Commendatory.

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THE BAPTIST is getting so good I am getting uneasy about it. Each number now makes it harder to make the next issue equal the former one. I know the man at the helm is resourceful, but still the limit may be reached. By the way, is not the first page a daisy? Its mechanical arrangement is beautiful, and its matter excellent. There seems to be a general improvement in the correspondence all along the line. I am not one bit ashamed to hold up THE BAPTIST alongside of any other Baptist paper now.

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But I wanted specially to commend Dr. Freeman's articles. His mind is too fertile and his pen to facile to be idle. Continue to write, doctor.

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An Ordination.

In response to a call from the Central Baptist Church of Perry County, Miss., on Dec. 15, 1901, a presbytery composed of Elders T. E. H. Robinson, J. E. Davis and the writer met and ordained brother W. F. Jones to the full work of the gospel ministry. Eld. Robinson preached the sermon and after a thorough examination by the writer which was eminently satisfactory, Brother Davis led in the ordination prayer, followed by laying on of hands by the presbytery and benediction by Bro. Jones.

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Dec 16.

Pickens.

DEAR BRO. BAILEY:

Thinking you would like to hear from the flock that you ministered to so long, is my reason for writing you. Bro. J. P. Hickman served us three years after you resigned. He is a good man and good preacher, and did good work while he was here. These were the three hardest years that we had. Still, the church prospered under his administration. We paid for all purposes during this time \$736.41. For the past four years Bro. H. P. Hurt has been our pastor. We love him very much and we called him indefinitely. It went against the "grain" to give him up. But it seems Kosciusko needed his services for all his time, so he will be found there during the next year. While he was with us our church prospered in more ways than one. The four years that he preached for us we raised for all purposes \$1,415.80, and besides we repaired our church to the extent of something over \$500.00. Our prayermeeting is kept up regularly every Tuesday night, and we have a good Sunday-school. While we have done fairly well, we are not satisfied and hope to do

better work for the Master in the coming year.

We had a church conference last night and made a unanimous call for Rev. C. T. Kincannon for service during next year. Lexington has called him for 2 Sundays, and we expect Black-Jack to call him for one Sunday.

Take these three churches together, will make a fine field.

Bro. Bailey, our Pickens folks all love you and would be glad you would visit us.

Your brother,

T. D. TUCKER.

Commendatory.

J. B. SEARCY.

THE BAPTIST is getting so good I am getting uneasy about it. Each number now makes it harder to make the next issue equal the former one. I know the man at the helm is resourceful, but still the limit may be reached. By the way, is not the first page a daisy? Its mechanical arrangement is beautiful, and its matter excellent. There seems to be a general improvement in the correspondence all along the line. I am not one bit ashamed to hold up THE BAPTIST alongside of any other Baptist paper now.

I see my old Arkansas and Louisiana friend, Rev. O. M. Lucas, is making a fine field man. I intended to introduce him to the brethren in Mississippi, but I have awaited so long that I guess I had better get him to introduce me. Well, Bro. Lucas will do to trust, as I have learned by a quarter of a century of acquaintance and co-labor with him. May he renew his youth by mixing and mingling with Mississippi Baptists.

But I wanted specially to commend Dr. Freeman's articles. His mind is too fertile and his pen too facile to be idle. Continue to write, doctor.

A merry Xmas and a happy New Year to everybody.

An Ordination.

In response to a call from the Central Baptist Church of Perry County, Miss., on Dec. 15, 1901, a presbytery composed of Elders T. E. H. Robinson, J. E. Davis and the writer met and ordained brother W. F. Jones to the full work of the gospel ministry. Eld. Robinson preached the sermon and after a thorough examination by the writer which was eminently satisfactory, Brother Davis led in the ordination prayer, followed by laying on of hands by the presbytery and benediction by Bro. Jones.

Bro. Jones is a young man of model, Christian character, and begins his life's work with the hopes, good wishes and prayers of his church.

W. A. ROPER.

It is not hard to let your moderation be known to all men so far as the virtues are concerned.—Ram's Horn.

The church will never satisfy the world's needs so long as it is satisfactory to the world's pride.—Ram's Horn.

We are sure our subscribers will suffer a plain word; for they are good people and reasonable. On the first

A Word to day of January—six days off—Subscribers. —we shall need \$2,000. We shall need it badly, and un-

less our subscribers send it in we shall be put to inconvenience. Only 1,000 subscribers could relieve us. Let each subscriber pause right here and look at the figures opposite his name on right hand upper corner of first page. If possible, immediately remit, that your figures may be moved up a year, unless you are already ahead. We know how easy it is to defer a small matter like this, and hence we beg that you will attend to it now. Do not stop to settle in your mind whether the other 999 will remit, but promptly do your duty. The small sum of \$2.00 from you will relieve our financial pressure. Let no one who reads this fail, or we may suffer. We have recently made an outlay of \$800.00, in equipping ourselves with type and printing fixtures for THE BAPTIST. Help us through.

Mississippi and Mississippi College.

EDITOR THE BAPTIST.
Dear Brother—Some of the Mississippi exiles in Texas while too busy to keep up a constant communication with the home-folks, are nevertheless deeply interested in the on-going of things in the old State. In Texas, I am glad to be able to say, practically every Mississippi man stands straight for progress. And there is something to stand for in Texas. A little while back we held our convention. There were somewhere near two thousand messengers. There was not a dissenting vote on any subject. We raised last year for all purposes something like \$450,000. We spent on State Mission work \$51,800. We paid all obligations and had something over a thousand left, and at this Convention we completed the great task of liquidating the indebtedness on our schools and giving much needed equipments. There are one hundred and forty thousand dollars worth of improvements going up now on the campus of Baylor University. Some time ago, we completed the most elegant dining hall in the State for the girls' Boarding Hall at Baylor University. Baylor, you know, is co-educational, and that is just where some of the older States are missing it.

But while we are jogging along here at a good rate, we are especially interested in the endowment movement for Mississippi College. Perhaps I am not the man to say it, but it is my conviction that Mississippi is just about rich enough to be the finest place in the world to raise men and women, and I will say it again, I believe Mississippi College has been the most useful institution in the Southern States, according to its resources. I stick to it. There have been special reasons for it, and the reasons continue. Every time I take up THE BAPTIST and see an account of President Lowery's movement, I feel a good deal like an old dog chained inside the gate, while the other dogs are chasing the game

right away from him. I almost set up a howl to get over there and lift a collection.

Bro. Freeman's reminiscences of long ago are very helpful toward a right understanding of that period leading up to the time of most of us (who now begin to rank among the old men) began to take a hand in things. I notice he spoke of Capt. Ratliff in the College. In common phrase, that brings on more talk. The history of colleges shows that their best friends are their own students. This has been pre-eminently demonstrated in the history of Mississippi College. I remember well the second meeting of the Convention I ever attended. There was a small gathering, but in that small gathering was a nucleus of Mississippi College men. That was about the first time I knew anything about the College, and they were talking up the College. It turns out in the Providence of God that a single man may be worth an untold amount to a State or to an institution. Ben Franklin was the real father of the Yankees. Joe Brown made Georgia, industrially, and in money has been worth many millions of dollars to the State, as I see it, and I have had good chances to see it. No man has done more for Mississippi College than Capt. Ratliff, the student spoken of by Bro. Freeman. It is doubtful if the real history of the College will ever be written. It will not be known after a few men now living are dead, unless some one of that few should write the story. There were times during my connection with the institution when we were on the ragged edge. Two men stood with martyr spirit, W. S. Webb, President of the faculty, and W. T. Ratliff, President of the Board of Trustees. It was a question of life and death often times, and there never was a time when Capt. Ratliff was too busy to give his time, with-out money and with pleasure, and his wise judgment and management in matters of difficulty. And there never was a time when, however hard pressed financially, he was not willing to divide to the very last with the College, that it might live. It is becoming a faded memory, in the nature of things, that once upon a time I did some little toward laying the foundation for an endowment. I am glad to say now that in the tangled condition of my own personal affairs, which resulted from disaster over which I had no control, it would have been absolutely impossible for me to have gone on with the effort if Capt. Ratliff had not staid me up and lifted burdens from me that were too heavy for me to bear. I shall rejoice exceedingly in the consummation of the present effort, and like one of old, I see it now afar and rejoice, but I feel that no two men in Texas have as great reason to rejoice as the President Emeritus and the man who has been President of the Board of Trustees for thirty years.

Of course, you are going to succeed. It really begins to look as if Baptists were getting out of the way of failing. Mercer has just completed an effort for additional endowment, and Mississippi College will succeed. That means very large success in every direction.

Brother Editor, I am over in Texas peg-

ging away with plenty to do and a great field, but I want to remind Mississippi Baptists that I am with them, and to rejoice in advance over what I am sure is to be a notable success.

Yours for the Kingdom,
J. B. GAMBRELL.

Angelic Christmas Carol.

"Behold I bring you glad tidings of great joy, for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

The first dawn of the morning has its supreme beauty in the rays of light shooting like arrows through the mid heavens, and in the crimson glory that unfolds into the brightness of the perfect day. But the dazzling beauty brings worth as well in the king of day, gladdening the earth with his light and warmth. Thus one might listen to this sweet Christmas song by the heavenly choir and enjoy the reverie that it is the sweetest "we ever heard," but with beauty spotless comes its unspeakable riches.

1. A Christmas carol of him also brings Salvation—"A Savior also is Christ the Lord." There is another angelic message which declares: "Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins." Save from sin! What a Superhuman triumph! Sin is the beginning of all ill, the consummation of all distress; sin touches every eye and brings out every tear and pierces every heart and finds the sources of all anguish; robs youth of its excellence, manhood of its power, old age of its comfort and humanity of its God. Sin goes everywhere and at all times. Wherever and whomever it touches, it degrades, desolates and destroys. Sin is greater than man, for he is its miserable slave, greater than human wisdom and devices, for these could never find a remedy to heal its maladies; greater than earth for it reaches to hell and offered fuel for the punishment of the damned; greater than time for its woeful effects reach throughout eternity. Like the virus of a hundred plagues or the germs of a thousand fevers, sin creeps in under cover of darkness and ceases not its awful deeds till it has penetrated, poisoned, polluted and plunged into an abyssal grave from which the smoke of the burning of its deluded victims ascend up forever and ever. From the terrible malady, this damning disease, the Savior brings deliverance. "He is mighty to save." "He is able to save unto the uttermost."

2. A Christmas carol to God's anointed. —He is the Christ, or the anointed. In the angel song—He is the Savior who is Christ the Lord. When we say "Jesus," we mean salvation, when we say "Christ," we mean the anointed. In the beginning of his earthly ministry our Lord said of himself: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor." God the Father had so filled the Son with the Holy Spirit that he would be the bearer of good news to the poor. This is the same as to say, he would be an

all sufficient Savior for humanity, for the richest of earth when they know themselves, are poor indeed. If the president of our nation should send an ambassador to any foreign country, he would give him sufficient authority to transact whatever business there might be in consideration. So our God has so endued the Son with the Spirit that he may be his salvation to the ends of the earth. The oak of the forest has all the fibre of the stoutest timber. But as it stands there is no practical value. But the mechanic cuts it into pieces, forms it into the stock of a plow, puts on the cutting plowshare, the soil is upturned, the seed sown and the yellow harvest comes forth. So our Lord was God from all eternity, the Creator and Preserver of all things, But he lacked one qualification, that of saving. So God anointed him with the Spirit of gladness that he might hear the tongue of the learned to speak a word in season to the weary and that he might be able to save.

3. A Christmas carol to Christ's Lordship—He is Lord to the glory of God the Father. He is "the Sovereign who is Christ the Lord." He is the Lord of Angels. "Let all the angels of God worship him." He is the Lord of His people: "Whose I am and whom I serve." The end of salvation is that we may serve Christ as Lord. Men naturally serve their pleasure, their pride, their lusts, themselves, but by grace they serve Christ as Lord. We must serve Him by sacrifice. "If any man would be my disciple, let him deny himself and follow me." When Gen. Lee retreated from Richmond three soldiers, foot-sore and weary, halted by the wayside. They slept during the night under the stars and upon the ground, but as on a bed of down. Next morning two of them proposed to desert the army, knowing that the Confederacy was indeed a lost cause. But the third, a boy of sixteen, declared he would never leave his commander so long as he was striving to save his country. They then heard the booming of cannon which told that the battle was on. While the two older soldiers went to their homes, the boy soldier hied away to join his comrades in arms. Thus we should serve Christ as Lord, under clouds and through storms. Many, from whom we should expect better things will be unfaithful. Their deeds and words are dishonoring to their Lord. We, too, may be weary and foot-sore. The time for the service may be greatly needed in our business of a worldly character. The dollar contributed could be most profitably spent for the necessities of life. But the cause of the Great King demands sacrifice. "Who are these and whence come they? These are they that come out of great tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Therefore, they are before the throne of God and serve Him day and night in his temple.

May the angelic song of the long ago to the humble shepherds in the star-lit plains of Bethlehem, be a Christmas greeting to all the readers of the Baptist.

A. P. PUGH.
Union Springs, Ala., Dec. 18, 1901.

Jackson's Great Dry Goods Store JONES BROS. & CO. Millinery.

We have all the new weaves in all the new rich Autumn shades. In selecting from our superb stock you have the satisfaction of knowing that every yard on our shelves was made for the Fall of 1901. We have none from last season.

You can better judge the saving you will make when you see the goods.

DRAP DE PARIS, a very stylish fabric 45 inches wide, in black and five new shades, at, per yard.....

\$1.50

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At 50 cents a yard we show splendid values in Flannel suitings, Coverts and Solices.

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Black Shark Skin weave, 42 inches wide, \$1.00 quality, at, per yard.....

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\$1.45

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HILLMAN COLLEGE.

We expect to make room for four more girls by January 1st. If you want to come to Hillman write at once to

John L. Johnson, Pres.,
Clinton, Miss.

Endowment Echoes.

Last Sunday was spent at Aberdeen. It was a bad day and the crowd was small. The church there is weak financially, but good Brother A. J. Brown headed the endowment list with two hundred and fifty dollars and others ran the amount up to \$465.75. There will doubtless be other subscriptions.

A merry Christmas to all the lovers of the College, and may the new year be one of great progress in all our work.

Truly
W. T. LOWREY.

Dec. 24, 1901.

Field Notes.

MERIDIAN.—It was the pleasure of the interviewer to spend ten days in this city recently. As is his custom, he was shaking hands and exchanging compliments with the Baptists. THE BAPTIST has a goodly number of staunch friends in the city, a large number of whom renewed through the visiting brother. Also a goodly number of new names were added to the list. While there he was permitted to worship with 41st, 15th Avenue, Immanuel, and 1st Churches. At the three former the saints listened with seeming interest to the

Our Millinery Department is in new quarters more room and better lighted, but the most important news is of the stock. It is larger and finer than ever. We say, without fear of contradiction, that we show the finest and most beautiful stock of Millinery ever seen in Jackson. At our formal opening, due notice of which will be given, we will show many Hats, direct from the leading millinery establishments of Paris, which will be the first imported Hats ever shown in Jackson.

When you have seen the Department in its new quarters, you'll be glad to know that there is such a Millinery store (for it's really a store in itself) in this city. All the newest, ready-to-wear Hats are now on sale, and you are welcome to see them.

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85 cents

We are showing a beautiful line of novelty silks for waist and evening wear, at \$1.00 to \$1.75 a yard.

BLACK SILK.

Splendid quality Black Taffeta, full 36-inch wide, at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 a yard.

Guaranteed Black Taffeta, 21 inches wide, guarantee woven in Selva; \$1.10 quality, at, per yard.....

88c

19-inch Black Taffeta, at, per yard.....

50 cents

Word preached by ye scribe. It was his privilege to be present at the pastors' conference on Tuesday morning after second Sabbath. There were present Drs. Venable, Hackett, Farish, Bosdell and Cook. An hour was spent pleasantly and no doubt profitable. Our Baptist churches in Meridian are moving along harmoniously and the outlook is encouraging.

NEWTON.—A day spent in this town and a night in the country at the home of Rev. Jos. Chapman resulted in several renewals. This is the home of Rev. N. L. Clarke, who edits and publishes the Mississippi Baptist. The paper man regretted his failure to meet Bro. Clarke.

A day was spent at Forest, Morton, Pelahatchie and Brandon each. The writer is greatly indebted to brethren Eastland at Forest, Longmire at Pelahatchie, and Gayden of Brandon, for kindnesses shown him. The Lord reward them.

Upon the whole this was a pleasant and profitable trip. There were renewals galore, and near 40 new names added who will read THE BAPTIST in the future.

A few days at home for Christmas, and then a long pull to put THE BAPTIST into a thousand homes in Mississippi during the year 1902. Why not?

O. M. LUCAS.

"They tell us that the monuments throw a great deal of light on the Bible. I don't think so. With all due respect to the monuments, I think the Bible throws a great deal of light on the monuments. Those fellows over there would have a dark time without the Bible."—A. C. Dixon.

THE HOME.

Love the Shortest Route.

Though Christ a thousand times
In Bethlehem be born,
If he's not born in thee,
Thy soul is still forlorn.

The cross on Golgotha
Will never save thy soul;
The cross in thine own heart
Alone can make thee whole.

What'er thou lovest, man,
That too, become thou must;
God, if thou lovest God,
Dust, if thou lovest dust.

To bring thee to thy God,
Love takes the shortest route;
The way which knowledge leads
Is but a roundabout.

A heaven within thyself
In calm eternity,
Drive out from thee the world,
And like the God thou'lt be.

ANGELUS SILESIUS (1624).

Christ was Immanuel—God with us; so near that we could see and understand and know him. Before the coming of Christ man's ideas of God were most hazy and indistinct and even crude. In a true sense

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and angels gave the sign.

The most destructive criticism has not been able to dethrone Christ as the incarnation of perfect holiness. The waves of a tossing and restless sea of unbelief break at his feet, and he stands still the supreme model, the inspiration of great souls, the rest of the weary, the fragrance of all Christendom, the one divine flower in the garden of God.—Herrick Johnson.

The Infant Babe.

The Christmas tide again dawns upon the world. The infant babe of Bethlehem, lying in the manger, again claims the homage of all hearts. We may rejoice in him as our Savior and Redeemer, we may bend weeping at the foot of his cross as we lay the burden of our sins and sorrows there, we may stand exultantly on the slopes of Olivet as he stretches forth his pierced hands in blessing and ascends upward into the heaven; but to-day we can only think of him as the infant babe before whom the Judean shepherds knelt in adoration, and repeat the wonderful message of the angels, "Unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be a sign unto you, ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger." Blessed babe in whom all the nations of

the world are blessed, the heavenly light that shines across the darkness of the world and will one day dissipate it entirely, the highest and tenderest manifestation of the Father's love toward us. Whose heart today will not reverently bend down before the manger and worship him who is the Lord's Christ, the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world?

Babe of Blessing! Babe of Glory!
Earth and Heaven triumphant sing!
Well may angel hosts adore thee,
Lord of lords, of kings the king!
Gift of God, all gifts excelling,
Yet for whom earth had no room,
Make, dear Child, our hearts thy dwelling,
There thy rightful place assume.

It seems remarkable with what minuteness everything connected with the birth of this Babe was set forth in prophecy. In the far distance the prophets foresaw the Redeemer of the world. Isaiah gives a remarkable vision of the suffering Savior. A little later we have through the prophet Micah the very town where he should be born, and in Daniel we have even a more complete revelation. These prophecies were so widely spread abroad that at the time of his coming there prevailed throughout the entire East an intense conviction that ere long a powerful monarch would arise in Judea and gain dominion over all the world. Virgil, who lived a little before this, owns that a child from heaven was looked for, who should restore the golden age and take away sin. Strange that the world, so full of intense longing and so long expecting, should have so mistaken him when he did come. As Son of Man Jesus was "a Child born," as Son of God he was a "Son given"—and in this is precisely filled the prophecies concerning him.

Year by year is Jesus thus set before us as a little child, in great humility, that we may be the more deeply impressed with the great truth that in all gentleness and purity and humbleness of soul we must become like him, a very child, if we would be owned of him, and enter into his glory. This is the great lesson of this wonderful nativity we celebrate this day. Today the heavens call to us—"Unto you is born this day a Savior." "The speechless helplessness of the infant lying in the manger appeals to us: 'Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.'"

Surely on the anniversary of this natal day we shall yield to



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these pleadings. Jesus draws very near us today as the Child born; may he draw nearer still to each one of our hearts as the Savior given! The tabernacle of God is today with men, and is dwelling with them. Let us, then, welcome the Son to our hearts, and follow with joy wherever he leads.—Christian Work.

What ailed Mother.

Last summer, a famous specialist in nervous diseases visited a small village. One day a tall, awkward young man called on him. He had a weak face, which bore signs of dissipation; he wore cheap clothes, cut in the latest fashion; there were rings on his fingers, and a gold chain swung ostentatiously over a gray waistcoat. He came to consult the doctor about his mother, who had some obscure and, as he feared, mortal ailment. He spoke with much feeling, but did not forget to adjust his chain or twirl his mustache as he talked.

"She has been a very active woman," he said. "Had tremendous energy all her life; but now she seems to have gone all to pieces. She has no pain, no disease; but she can't eat nor sleep much, and she is so weak she can hardly walk. She cries if you look at her. What is the matter? Can you help her?"

"What work did she do?" asked the doctor.

"She was a tailoress, and she worked harder than was necessary," said the young man, reluctantly. She used to sew until two or three o'clock in the morning.

"What is your trade—your business?" demanded the doctor.

"Well—I—I'm not in business

at present. It's pretty difficult to make a start, you know. I've considered several different occupations, but I have not found anything suited to my peculiar abilities yet. But I came to consult you about mother. What do you think is the matter with her?"

"You," said the doctor. "Nothing else. She has sapped her life for you; and now, when you should be supporting her and bringing comfort and honor to her old age, you are a dead weight and a disgrace. If she dies, you, and you only, are to blame."

When he was gone, the doctor said: "It is a common enough case. A woman is unselfish and energetic. She gives her life to serve a husband or son. Her devotion only encourages them in idleness and selfishness. At middle age her vitality is exhausted. Her nerves give way under the long strain, and tonics are of no more use than putting wood on a fire that has gone out."

Poor, unhappy husband or son, whose eyes open too late to the fact that "mother" is sinking under some mysterious disease, and who must hear from the doctor the frank verdict: "It is you, and nothing else."—Ex.

Oh! What makes women lovely? Virtue, faith, And gentleness in suffering—Brent

God's promises are ever on the ascending scale. One leads up to another fuller and more blessed than itself.—Meyer.

Love imputes to all things its own righteousness. When I am refreshed by the sense that a loved presence is near, the world is refreshed along with me. Nature and I sing together.—Rev. Geo. Matheson, D.D.

The Parting of the Paths.

We see the good—a way that may have to be reached, as one fights with tempests on the mountain top, but which, when reached, is a path of pleasantness and peace. We see the wrong—a way too often adorned with specious promises of ease and plenty, but which leads at last into doubt and disappointment and despair. We see the human soul here on this earth placed for ever at the parting of these paths, where it must choose its way and abide the consequence of its choice, however angels may plead or demons may cajole. We see these paths reaching out into an endless future; and though we dare not predict to what depths of infamy and woe the one course may or may not at last descend, we dare to say that whoever, through the way of sacrifice, has climbed the heavenly steeps, shall receive, as his reward, gifts worthy to be carried throughout eternity with solemn gratitude and sacred awe.—Christian Register.

Cardinal Gibbons on the "New Woman."

Since the advent of the so-called "new woman" no one has been more constant in opposing her masculine tendencies than Cardinal Gibbons. As a man of wide experience, with opportunities for studying human nature as varied and numerous as they are unusual, he has been able to investigate this phase of modern life under the most favorable circumstances. His views of the question, from a thoroughly secular standpoint, will be presented in an early number of The Ladies' Home Journal under the suggestive title of "The Restless Woman."

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Read This.

Ripley, Tenn., June 1, 1901.—Dr. E. W. Hall, St. Louis, Mo. Having tried various remedies without satisfactory results, I was persuaded to give your "Wonder" a trial. I have used one bottle, and although my case is one of long standing that baffled the skill of the best physicians, yet it yielded at once to the "Texas Wonder," which I heartily recommend to all suffering from kidney troubles. Yours truly,

W. H. BRUTON,
Pastor Baptist Church, Ripley, Tenn.

With President Roosevelt "In the Open."

A delightfully personal article, showing the new President as he rides and hunts and camps, will soon appear in The Ladies' Home Journal. The writer of the article has known him intimately, traveled thousands of miles with him, and seen him under conditions of the most varying nature. He will tell how the President fells trees on his own place, and splits wood; how he is training his children to love riding, swimming and walking, and living outdoors. It will be a close view of the Chief Executive in the life he most enjoys.

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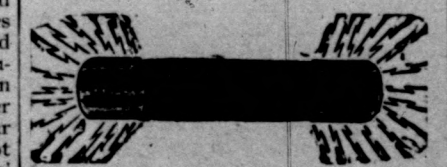
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President Roosevelt has turned off the man McClay, reprimanded Gen. Miles most severely, and is recognizing his cabinet after his own notion.

Rev. J. W. Conly, acting Cor. Sec. of the B. Y. P. U., and pastor of the Oak Port church, Chicago, has been called to Omaha, Neb.

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Deaths.

Mrs. Araminta Quinnelly.

Sister Araminta Quinnelly was born July 3, 1861, near Shady Grove Baptist Church, Jasper county, Miss., and died February 27, 1901. She was baptized into the above church while quite young and remained a consistent member of the Baptist church till death. She was married to Brother Joe Quinnelly March 20, 1889. She leaves the husband and six children to mourn her departure. She was one of ten children reared by a widowed mother, Sister Mary Donald Bownds, than whom a sweeter spirit the writer has never known.

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Mrs. Julia Clark Robinson.

Sister Julia Clark Robinson was born in Connecticut December 16, 1816, and died in Enterprise, Miss., December 8, 1901. She was the widow of the late Eld. E. S. Robinson, to whom she was married November 24, 1836, while still in Connecticut. Ten children were born to them, among whom is our beloved Eld. T. E. H. Robinson, of Hecla, Miss., than whom no man in Mississippi has done more for the Master. Sister Robinson joined the Baptist church about forty years ago at Paulding, Miss., and was baptized by Eld. Wm. Thiipgen. She, with her talented husband, spent sixty years teaching, having taught, in many cases, families to the fourth generation. She was a faithful, loving wife, a good mother and an exemplary Christian.

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Miss Mattie Scrivner.

Miss Mattie Scrivner died at her father's home September 5th, 1901, age 16 years 6 months and 1 day. She was a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Mattie was a true friend, a devoted daughter, a loving sister. She suffered severely, but became more resigned under her affliction and died with triumphant faith in Christ. She left father, mother, brother, sister, and a host of friends to mourn her absence and requested them to meet her in heaven. May God comfort the bereaved.

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Blanch Nele.

At her home in Jefferson county, Miss., December 6, 1901, Blanch Nele, age ten years. Little Blanch was loved by all. She was one of God's lambs. She loved her parents and was devoted to her mother. She leaves a father, mother, brother, and many friends to mourn for her. The death of the young always comes as a shock, but when, as in this case, the reaper gathers into his cradle so young and fair a girl it is peculiarly sad and touching. But may we serve her God, love her Christ, die in peace, and meet her in glory.

E. L. WILSON.

Married.

On December 11, 1901, at the bride's father's, Mr. Tom Tribble, Mr. William Powel to Miss Anna Tribble. May God bless them and their new life be peace, joy, love and happiness.

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To the hearts that were weary of earth's bitter strife
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That his love had power to give peace evermore
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A Letter.

Dear Christian Friends:

Perhaps some news from the immigrant steamer and Pier will be welcome at this time, and therefore I will take time to tell of some of the recent happenings there.

Here is a family going to West Virginia: Not quite a year ago their eldest son preceded them, but died from homesickness about two months ago. The family could not stand it any longer; they sold out, to come and see "where they have laid him." Oh, it was extremely sad! They thanked me greatly for sympathy and consolation. Their twelve-year-old boy stood near by, and stooping down over him I beseeched him to strive to take the place of his departed brother, and by obedience, love and diligence endeavor to compensate for the parents' loss. I also reminded him that he could not succeed in his own strength, but only as he trusted in God's might. The boy was much moved, his tears fell thick and fast, as he solemnly made the promise.

An old veteran succeeded in gaining leave of absence from the "Soldiers' Home" to visit his old home in the Fatherland. I saw him when he left this port and wondered at his courage to undertake such a journey in his eighty-first year, alone, and traveling in the steerage, too. "Ah," he said, "I have a great longing to see any of my family, relatives and friends who may be living still, before I die." To my great surprise I found him again as the same steamer came back to port on her return trip. He looked sad and disappointed as he told me that all he loved and knew had passed away, and he was like a stranger in the place of his childhood. "There was absolutely nothing to keep me, therefore I hastened back to reach the steamer before her departure. I have nothing to live for now; I want to get back to the 'Home' to die." Poor old man! I lead him down stairs, slowly and carefully wending our way through the mass of people already there, and as we walked along, constantly leading and upholding him (he was

almost blind), I tried to raise his thoughts higher, to the One who never changes, never disappoints, never tires, and will always love and always lead.

Among the arrivals that day was also a family who had a very sad experience. They had five children and the sixth was born while aboard the vessel. The woman was, of course, weak, although she did not own it; the doctor ordered that she must be taken to the hospital and remain until stronger. This was very hard, as it meant separation from her husband and five little ones. She, therefore, begged to be allowed to go with them. I was asked by the Commissioner to try to persuade the woman to give her willing consent to go to the hospital, as refusal to do so would mean refusal to land and remain in this country. It was touching to note her self-forgetfulness: "I am strong enough; I'll stand the journey! Oh, my children need me so much!" After much loving persuasion she finally consented to do as the doctor advised. But now came the sad farewell. The youngest of the five had cried bitterly for quite a while, but instantly became quiet when joined to her mother. There she nestled to her bosom-satisfied. The doctor grew impatient. The ambulance was waiting. She must tear herself away. I take the little infant while the doctor leads the sick woman. She is placed in the wagon, the baby is handed in too; a last good-bye and away they go. Returning up stairs we find the father seated in the same place as was the mother, all this while surrounded by his five little ones, the smallest crying as much as ever; all attempts at pacifying failed. It refused to be comforted away from its mother. Oh, what a lesson that child taught me! Satisfied only with her mother, happy only in the arms of her best friend on earth! Peace, rest, joy, comfort! Oh, that we would always flee to Him who has promised, "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you."

After such sad occurrences it is refreshing to remember brighter instances. A woman with eyes bright and beaming tells of the love of God experienced in her own salvation. She said, "True, I am poor in this world's goods, but oh, so rich in Christ the Lord." Another who had gone out to visit, as she then thought, and upholding him (he was

again brought new life; and with tell how the joy of seeing her a happy heart she praised God for His help.

An elderly woman, a widow, told me how for the past year she felt a longing which she could not account for, to leave home and come to America, until she could not resist any longer. She left her married children to settle here, where she had no one, with the exception of a former neighbor. When all the work necessary was attended to, I again sought her and was moved by the spirit to testify. I spoke of man's sinful estate; his utter inability to save himself; God's eternal love His best gift, and our salvation in Christ, etc., etc. A crowd had gathered around, of which I was not aware; all were quiet, intent not to lose one word spoken. When finally we had to separate, one by one thanked me and all said, "We never heard these things in like manner before; no one ever spoke to us so plain." They all promised to make good use of the Testaments I gave them.

Some years ago I met a young lady as she was leaving to visit her home and loved ones. I soon learned that she was a Christian, a Baptist, and was undertaking the trip at this time principally to be able to tell her people of "what a Saviour she had found." As she had not been able to secure desirable literature to take to them, I promised to supply the need. A few months ago she wrote me, asking me to look out for her mother who would shortly land here; then she went on to say that the literature sent her was the means of the conversion of her brother and his family, a proof that the work is not all in vain. The mother arrived July 11th.

I could go on and repeat instance after instance, but must refrain therefrom lest you weary. In closing let me urge that you will continue in your kind interest for this branch of the work, and as you pray remember also (sometimes at least) your substitute and the strangers she ministers to.

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Here is a family going to West Virginia: Not quite a year ago their eldest son preceded them, but died from homesickness about two months ago. The family could not stand it any longer; they sold out, to come and see "where they have laid him." Oh, it was extremely sad! They thanked me greatly for sympathy and consolation. Their twelve-year-old boy stood near by, and stooping down over him I beseeched him to strive to take the place of his departed brother, and by obedience, love and diligence endeavor to compensate for the parents' loss. I also reminded him that he could not succeed in his own strength, but only as he trusted in God's might. The boy was much moved, his tears fell thick and fast, as he solemnly made the promise.

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Among the arrivals that day was also a family who had a very sad experience. They had five children and the sixth was born while aboard the vessel. The woman was, of course, weak, although she did not own it; the doctor ordered that she must be taken to the hospital and remain until stronger. This was very hard, as it meant separation from her husband and five little ones. She, therefore, begged to be allowed to go with them. I was asked by the Commissioner to try to persuade the woman to give her willing consent to go to the hospital, as refusal to do so would mean refusal to land and remain in this country. It was touching to note her self-forgetfulness: "I am strong enough; I'll stand the journey! Oh, my children need me so much!" After much loving persuasion she finally consented to do as the doctor advised. But now came the sad farewell. The youngest of the five had cried bitterly for quite a while, but instantly became quiet when joined to her mother. There she nestled to her bosom—satisfied. The doctor grew impatient. The ambulance was waiting. She must tear herself away. I take the little infant while the doctor leads the sick woman. She is placed in the wagon, the baby is handed in too; a last good-bye and away they go. Returning up stairs we find the father seated in the same place as was the mother, all this while surrounded by his five little ones, the smallest crying as much as ever; all attempts at pacifying failed. It refused to be comforted away from its mother. Oh, what a lesson that child taught me! Satisfied only with her mother, happy only in the arms of her best friend on earth! Peace, rest, joy, comfort! Oh, that we would always flee to Him who has promised, "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you."

After such sad occurrences it is refreshing to remember brighter instances. A woman with eyes bright and beaming tells of the love of God experienced in her own salvation. She said, "True, I am poor in this world's goods, but oh, so rich in Christ the Lord." Another who had gone out to visit, as she then thought, her dying father, came again to

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We extend sympathy to our brother, Fred D. Hale, of Kansas City, in the loss by death of his wife.

A noble brother sends \$2.00 and asks that THE BAPTIST be sent a year to an aged sister.

Bro. J. M. Franklin, of Magee, sends \$1.00 to help pay postage on papers to missionaries. Who will be the next?

Bro. J. Baskin, of Clinton, was a welcome visitor to the rooms of THE BAPTIST. Old memories were revived as we talked over our college days and experiences generally.

Bishop John H. Vincent, who for the past two years has been resident in Switzerland in charge of the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Europe, has been appointed as a delegate to the Wesleyan Conference in England next June. In July Bishop Vincent will sail for the United States and spend August in his old work at Chautauqua, with which he is still officially connected.

Rev. O. L. Stringfield, of Raleigh, N. C., has just resigned his work, and will at once enter into the evangelistic work. He is said to possess fine qualifications for this special work.

Prof. J. G. Dupree, of the University, enlivened our office with his genial chat a few days ago. He and Mrs. Dupree are spending the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. E. L. Bailey.

Bro. Lucas came in to spend the holidays with his family, bringing a fine list of new subscribers. Bro. Mathis has also just sent in a fine list. These brethren are doing a great work.

We acknowledge pleasant calls from brethren W. F. Woods, of Yazoo county; W. H. Atkinson, of Ridgeand, and W. R. Cooper, of Clinton. All of these are strong friends to THE BAPTIST.

A solid week of freezing weather the middle of December is an uncommon thing in this latitude, but we had it from the 14th to the 21st, the temperature hanging close about 12 degrees above zero.

In his article in the January number of the Ladies Home Journal, on "The Restless Woman," Cardinal Gibbons evinces a keen insight into the present trend of things. He shows that the more masculinity a woman assumes, the less chivalry is accorded her by gentlemen; and that the tendency of society is to neglect the home, and points out that the inevitable fruits will be the utter abandonment of the home. He also points out the dangers attendant upon club life among women.

Rev. J. H. Whitfield, of Brandon, favored us Monday with his presence and cash for the paper. He never fails to pay two subscriptions to THE BAPTIST promptly. Several are falling in and doing likewise.

Bro. N. B. Wallace and young Bro. Franklin, of Ackerman, called on us on their way home from College to spend the holidays. We regret that Bro. Wallace does not see his way to return for the balance of the session. But he will do a good work at home.

Dr. W. A. Hurt, after much suffering for many years, died at his home in Winona on December 20, 1901. The immediate cause of his death was rheumatism of the heart. He leaves a wife and three children, who will greatly miss him. We have never known a more indulgent father or a more hospitable citizen.

Rev. T. T. Martin, evangelist, is distributing gratis four tracts, which bear the titles, "The Simplicity of Baptist Faith," "Why I Am a Baptist," "How to Be Saved," and "The Conversion of Ruth Wyatt." He does not sell them, but gives them away. They are well worth writing for and carefully reading. The one on "How to Be Saved" tells all that can be told on that subject.

Rev. M. A. Kelly, of West Virginia, who is now spending some time in our city recuperating his health, has several times been a most agreeable caller at the rooms of THE BAPTIST. He has recently been an employee of the General Association of West Virginia, and at the same time of the Home Mission Society of the

North. He worked at Charleston, the capital of the State, with satisfaction to all concerned. We were much pleased with his bearing generally. He will possibly spend the winter in the South. If any churches in reach of Jackson need a supply for a Sunday or two, they might do well to correspond with him. He does not want a pastorate.

Mrs. Stanford has just given to the Leland Stanford University, California, \$30,000,000, worth of property. We have already stated that Mr. Carnegie has just proposed to give \$10,000,000 to establish a great university at Washington. In the meantime John D. Rockefeller gives another \$1,250,000 to the Chicago University. These three gifts aggregate \$41,250,000 for the advancement of education.

Bro. S. Morris, of Star, is one of our most deserving brethren. His life has been a checkered one. He has enjoyed a large amount of domestic happiness and has also been called through the deep waters of affliction in the loss of wives. He is able in the Scripture and honored wherever known. We were with him last Sunday at Star. His work there is hard, but he, by the aid of his noble helpers, will succeed at Star. They have a lot and expect to build as soon as possible.

[This paragraph should have appeared three weeks ago, but in the great amount of matter on hand this was overlooked. —Ed.]

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